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**From:** Hogan, James, NMENV [James.Hogan@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** 1/26/2015 3:37:33 PM  
**To:** Honker, William [honker.william@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Davis, Suea [davis.suea@epa.gov]; Hosch, Claudia [hosch.claudia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Organizational changes

Good morning Bill –

I can help coordinate and have already alerted Trais and other Bureau Chiefs of this meeting.

The morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> works well for all. I understand from my staff who are helping coordinate the MS4 meeting that the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> is also being considered. If that is the case the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> works. The morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> does not appear to work as well.

Once we have the MS4 meeting date set we can get this meeting on everyone's calendar.

Thanks  
James

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**From:** Honker, William [mailto:honker.william@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 24, 2015 8:58 AM  
**To:** Hogan, James, NMENV  
**Cc:** Davis, Suea; Hosch, Claudia  
**Subject:** Re: Organizational changes

James,

Thanks. Yes, I'd like to meet with Trais and the Bureau Chiefs while I'm there. Should I reach out to Trais to set that up or can you coordinate?

Right now it looks like we may meet with ABQ permittees the afternoon of Feb 12, so would the morning of the 12th work to meet with you in Santa Fe?

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2015, at 5:52 PM, Hogan, James, NMENV <[James.Hogan@state.nm.us](mailto:James.Hogan@state.nm.us)> wrote:

Hi Bill –

Received your phone message. I think your timing to come to Santa Fe would be good. There are two relevant changes within NMED as they interface with your program at EPA

First the agency has been restructured – and we now have a very logical Water Protection Division with Surface Water, Ground Water, Drinking Water and Construction Programs. As you know better than I, this is the way most other states are organized and it makes a whole lot of sense. Please see attached for the announcement and structure.

Second – Trais Kliphaus is the Director of this program. She was the “acting” replacement for Erika and my supervisor. She is now also permanent in her role as Water Protection Division Director.

Here is her contact info in case you need it.

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I think a meeting with Trais and the bureau chiefs would be a good thing. I'll put it on folks radar and just let me know when the ABQ stormwater meeting date is set.

Best,  
James

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**From:** Tongate, Butch, NMENV

**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 10:05 AM

**To:** NMENV-global

**Subject:** Organizational changes

Good morning. We have two important announcements to share with you all.

The first is that we are very pleased to welcome Katie Roberts as the newest addition to the Environment Department's senior staff. She returns to the Department following a four and a half year tenure with Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). During her time at LANL, Ms. Roberts was the Group Leader for Regulatory Support and Performance within the Associate Directorate for Environmental Programs. Prior to working at LANL, Ms. Roberts worked in the Hazardous Waste Bureau as an environmental specialist and supervisor. In both capacities, her responsibilities focused mainly on cleanup projects at LANL conducted under the March 2005 Compliance Order on Consent. She has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Geography from Colgate University and a master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University.

Please join us in welcoming Katie back to the Environment Department!

I'm sure that many of you are aware by now that we have made some organizational changes that will enhance coordination among bureaus that focus on related issues and environmental media. For the first time in the history of the Environment Department, our organizational structure is based on a logical grouping of bureaus within the same division. As you can see in the attached organizational chart, Trais Kliphuis will direct the activities of the newly created Water Protection Division, which includes the Drinking Water, Ground Water Quality, Surface Water Quality, and Construction Programs bureaus. Katie Roberts is the Director of the Resource Protection Division, which now consists of the Hazardous Waste, Petroleum Storage Tanks, Solid Waste, and Department of Energy Oversight bureaus. HWB, PSTB, and SWB are programs whose mission is to implement and enforce regulatory programs under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). In addition, HWB and DOEOB are the bureaus which devote a significant amount of their time on issues involving New Mexico's Department of Energy facilities. Michael Vonderheide will continue as Director of the Environmental Protection Division, overseeing the Environmental Health, Air Quality, Occupational Health and Safety, and Radiation Control bureaus, as well as the Office of Nuclear Worker Advocacy. Each of these programs is involved in activities that protect the health and safety of New Mexico's citizens and visitors, each and every day.

The policy and personnel management aspects of these revisions became effective on January 9. The financial management aspect will not take full effect until the beginning of FY17 since appropriations for

FY15 and FY16 are based on the Department's previous organizational structure. Financial staff for each of the divisions will need to work closely with each other to ensure that financial transactions over the next year and a half are handled in a timely and coordinated manner. There should be little or no impact on the financial status of each bureau during the extended transition period. Most of you will be minimally impacted by this organizational restructuring, but we are confident that in the long term, the Department as a whole will see significant improvement in our operational effectiveness.

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<New Organizational Chart - 2015.xlsx>